

Scope and Purpose of the Plan

This fire mitigation plan is designed to be used as a reference text and an interactive document that lists and tracks fire mitigation tasks to be accomplished on private property. During a series of public workshops held in December of 2003 and March and April of 2004, ***Desired Outcomes*** of this Fire Mitigation Plan were identified by participants who were fire officials, civic leaders and citizens. Through workshop discussions participants were asked to formulate and explain their ***Vision*** of a Fire Mitigation Plan. This plan responds to the ***Desired Outcomes*** and to the fire agencies' current operating capabilities by providing recommendations that are displayed in the form of Goals, Objectives and Action Items. Eleven fire-prevention-oriented ***Goals*** were formulated as a result of public workshops and extensive interviews with each fire agency. Goals represent Desired Outcomes identified through the public process. Each chapter of this plan focuses on one of the identified Goals to present that Goal - with recommendations - for accomplishing a Desired Outcome. Every Goal is accompanied by several ***Objectives*** and many ***Actions*** which serve as substantive recommendations for achieving Desired Outcomes by establishing and accomplishing Goals. Each Goal chapter may be used as a stand-alone working document or in conjunction with the other chapters. Goals are presented at the beginning of each chapter of the Plan with a description and are followed by an associated set of tools for use in accomplishing the Goal.

Tools associated with each Goal include:

- A Goal ***Description***
- A set of ***Objectives*** that break the Goal down into manageable areas of accomplishment
- An ***Action Spreadsheet*** listing recommended projects for accomplishing Objectives toward meeting the Goal
- ***Visual Aids*** such as maps, web sites, informational pamphlets or pictorial examples that demonstrate techniques to apply to accomplish Objectives and meet the Goal.

Goals may be assigned to a fire official or team of firefighters to be approached as a stand-alone project by focusing on the associated tools and information provided in each chapter. The Goals are also interrelated so many of the tools and tasks are appropriate for tackling more than one Goal. To ensure effective fire mitigation and the highest level of fire prevention, all Goals should ultimately be viewed collectively as mutually important components of a complete fire mitigation plan.

Following each Goal description and associated set of Objectives is an Action Spreadsheet. Action Spreadsheets display the Goal and its description at the top of the sheet. Objectives of that Goal are also listed on the Action Spreadsheet down the left side column. A list of Actions accompanies each Objective. Action Spreadsheets also provide columns detailing potential funding sources and likely agencies or organizations with which to partner on mitigation activities. Finally, the last two columns on the far right side of the Action Spreadsheets provide suggested milestones and starting dates for initiating Actions and Objectives. These Action Spreadsheets are available on compact disc for interactive use and for on-going modifications and updates. They should function as a flexible, changeable work tool for planning and implementing fuels mitigation and fire prevention projects.

Included with each Goal are visual tools to assist in understanding the fire management issues. Visual tools might include maps, educational brochures and pamphlets, Firewise information, Code information and the like. Maps are designed to orient the user to sites of interest or concern for fuels mitigation. Actual vegetation and fuel types found and recorded at various sites are mapped to demonstrate their relevance and impact on the associated fire mitigation Goal. Maps are also available on compact discs for interactive use for further site analysis, visual reference and project planning. When presented in digital

formats, maps can be ‘zoomed’ and ‘panned’ for better viewing of specific site locations. Maps were compiled using Geographic Information Systems and include multiple layers of natural resource types and infrastructure features that can be updated as ground conditions change and evolve. Maps are linked to the Blaine County Geographic Information Systems Survey Control Network. Maps are intended for on-going fire planning and management use in conjunction with Blaine County Geographic Information Systems.

Your Fire Mitigation Plan is presented in various media formats that allow for easy updating and access by a varied number of users. This flexible plan format is intended to provide the user with an overview of Fire Mitigation Goals that represent Desired Outcomes for the fire agencies involved. Objectives and Actions serve as recommendations of the Alpine Enterprise Inc. Fire Mitigation Planning Team. They also direct and aid the user in accomplishing Goals in an organized and timely manner. The on-going use of this interactive set of planning tools will serve local fire agencies in promoting and creating Firewise communities throughout Blaine County.

***A Brief Summary of some target Fire Mitigation Recommendations In the
Wood River Fire Protection and City of Hailey Fire Department Fire Mitigation Plan***

- Implement the Educational Goal of the Action Plan to organize groups and complete the Public Awareness Campaign / Education on behalf of all jurisdictions.
- Lease/Rent or Purchase fuels reduction equipment (chippers, chainsaws, pruners, etc.) for use by local jurisdictions to reduce fuel loading. Use the Fuels Reduction Goal, Fuels Reduction Spreadsheets, and Hazard Maps to focus fuel reduction efforts.
- Conduct (Red Zone type) property inspections to perform hazard assessments on individual properties.
 - Fire Mitigation Safety Goal, Ensure Firefighter Safety, Mapping Objective, Hazard Target Zones Action Item.
 - Fuels Reduction Goal, Reduce fuels in the WUI, Fuels Analysis Objective, Hazard Rating Tool Selection Action Item, Hazard Assessment Action Item.
 - Educational Goal, Demonstration Objective, Hazard Assessment Rating Action Item.

Provide additional stations, apparatus and personnel as determined by needs assessment to place resources within appropriate response distances.

- Growth Goal, County wide Objective, establish a diverse county-wide planning council to plan and prepare for growth, Automatic and Area of response, Service Consolidation, Fire Station Relocation.
- Action plan for Infrastructure Goal, identify infrastructure status & needs, fire station location objective, Utilize recognized methodology to determine the effectiveness of current fire station locations as an indicator of future needs, software selection, Fire Station Location, Auto Aid Action Item; apparatus objective, inventory action item.

Cooperate ---- in formulating enforceable codes and ordinances

- Firewise Goal, Collaborative Work Group Objective, Firewise Development, Water Supply; Responsible Development Objective, Survivable Spaces, Building Materials.
- Action plan for Codes Goal - evaluate, update and adopt ordinances & codes, Cooperative objective; Wildland urban Interface Objective, WUI Code Review and Drafting, WUI Support Group, WUI Code Adoption Action Item.

Assess weight carrying capacity of all privately owned bridges used for FD access

- Firewise Goal, Access Objective, Emergency access action item.
- Fuels reduction Goal, Hazard Assessment Action Item.

Cooperate in countywide communications objectives

- Action plan for Interoperability Goal - establish regional interoperability, Communications objective, Radio Coverage, County Communications Plan, Multiple Communication Centers; Radio Equipment Objective.
- Firefighter Safety Goal – Interoperability Objective, Consolidation, Radio Compatibility, etc.

Support water supply improvements

- Firewise Goal, Water Supply Issues Objective, Fire Protection Water Supplies Action Item
- Growth Goal, Collaborative Workgroup Objective, Water Supply Action Item.

Support the recognition of baseline training when training for wildland firefighting.

- Fire Mitigation Safety Goal-Ensure firefighter safety, Training Objective, Action Items

Provide for a Mobile Fire Safety and Prevention Education Trailer for public presentations

- Education Goal, Awareness Objective, Mobile Fire Safety Education Trailer Action Item.